

REMARKS

The Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner has made an obviousness-type double patenting rejection based upon Applicant's previously issued patent 6,487,096.

While the Examiner included such a rejection in the original Office Action of January 30, the same was not carried forward into the second Office Action of February 10. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner clarify whether the double patenting rejection is still in effect or whether the Examiner has withdrawn that rejection.

The Substantive Rejections

In the Office Action dated January 30, 2006 the Examiner rejected the sole original claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 based upon U.S. Patent No. 5,430,362 to Carr et al.

In the Office Action of February 10, 2006 the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 based upon U.S. Patent No. 5,010,467 to Tokiwa et al.

By the present amendment claim 1 has been modified to define a controller for distributing power amongst a plurality of energy components which includes: (1) a gas turbine driving an AC generator; and (2) an AC utility.

Neither of the cited references relate to a system for controlling power distribution between a gas turbine driven AC generator and an AC utility via a DC bus as described in the claim.

Additionally, Applicants have added new claims 2-31 further defining the preferred details of such a system and related methods.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the original rejections under §102 are no longer applicable, and that the amended claim 1 plus the new claims should all be allowed over either of the cited references.

Additional Claim Fees

By the present amendment there are now 11 claims in excess of 20, and accordingly an additional fee of \$275 for a small entity is due. The same is enclosed herewith.

Request for Extension of Time

Also, Applicant hereby requests a retroactive three-month extension of time for responding to each of the Office Actions. For the first of the Office Actions this three-month extension will expire on July 30. And extension fee of \$510 for small entity is enclosed for that three-month extension.

Accordingly Applicant's check in the amount of \$785 is enclosed to cover both the excess claim fee and the extension of time fee.

Any other fees or credits due in connection with this filing may be charged to Deposit Account 23-0035.

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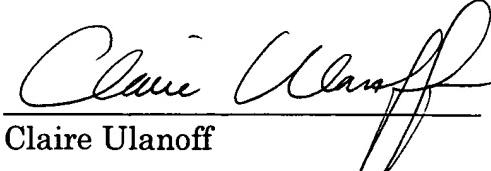
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